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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington

25 September 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASST. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (DEPUTY DDR&E)
THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Missile and Space Intelligence

Reference: DOD Directive 5105.28

The Director of Central Intelligence and I have recently discussed the status of U.S. missile and space intelligence activities in the light of our joint concern to insure that these activities are effectively managed and operated to meet our critical needs for timely, reliable intelligence on the expanding Soviet missile and space programs. Both Mr. McCone and myself are concerned with the difficulties that have occurred in insuring that the large amounts of separate data which the various U.S. intelligence sources collect on the Soviet programs are brought together properly, and that the best technical talent available to the U.S. is brought to bear in the analyses of these data. We are also concerned with the repeated difficulties which have apparently occurred in obtaining the required operational and technical intelligence collection systems and devices which have been developed to meet these Soviet threats.

The importance of missile and space intelligence and the extent to which the nation relies on DOD resources for this intelligence, requires that I insure that the DOD resources in this field contribute effectively to the total national effort. Moreover, the vital necessity for missile and space intelligence in support of DOD R&D programs and DOD planning and operations in developing and maintaining U.S. defense capabilities requires that our intelligence activities are effectively operated in response to our over-all needs.

I desire, therefore, that you jointly review the missile and space intelligence programs of DOD components and submit your recommendations by 30 January 1964 for improvements in management arrangements and procedures which you consider

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necessary to insure that (a) collection activities are closely supervised to provide required operational and technical performance, (b) collection activities are fully responsive to and adequately supported by our analytic efforts, (c) all raw data collected by the various U.S. collection systems are rapidly and, if at all feasible, concurrently made available to the several analytic units involved in the Defense and CIA effort, (d) the best available talent is used to analyze missile and space intelligence data, and (e) analytic results are exchanged freely and rapidly among DOD and CIA analytic units.

(Signed)
Roswell Gilpatric

CC: Secretary of the Army
Secretary of the Navy
Secretary of the Air Force
Chairman, JCS
Director, NSA
DCI

Drafter: -SI Staff
9/19/63

NOTE: Transmittal notes attached to a carbon copy of this memorandum (Copy 8 of 10) read as follows:

- (1) From the DDCI, General Carter, to the DD/S&T, Dr. Wheelon - 4 October 1963

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- (2) From the Executive Officer, DD/S&T, Mr. John F. Blake, to Mr. Carl Duckett, then Director of FMSAC - 14 November 1963

"1. General Carter gave me the attached document on Saturday, 9 November. Events have obviously taken over since this paper was dated 25 September 1963. It is interesting to note that the author, [] is in [] office."

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"2. This is forwarded for your retention but no action necessary."